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UWF ON SUEZ - - OFFICIAL NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL STATEMENT

Secretary Dulles recently told the principal Suez Canal users in London, "To have a world in which force will not be used, we have also got to have a world in which a just solution to a problem of this sort can be achieved. There must be a substitute for force."

Today the only alternative to war is to negotiate for the best deal that can be made, with no assurance that the deal will be honored.

The only realistic and reliable substitute for force is law and order. Until the United Nations is empowered to enforce law, situations like Suez will recur. When the UN is so empowered, it will be able to administer impartial justice for all nations alike.

In the present crisis, recognition of the international character, not only of Suez, but of similar waterways may help to arrive at a just solution of the problem. The Suez, Panama and Kiel Canals, the Bosporus, Dardanelles and Gibralter Straits, and the Rhine and Danube Rivers are among the waterways of vital concern to many nations, regardless of which ones claim sovereignty over them.

We, therefore, urge the United States to recognize officially the international character of these waterways by declaring its willingness, if Panama concurs, to have the Panama Canal placed under the authority and control of the UN when - but not until - universal, enforceable disarmament is assured, and the UN is empowered to enforce its authority and safeguard the security of all nations, on condition that Egypt, the USSR, Turkey and other nations concerned place the waterways they control under similar UN authority.

Until enforceable world disarmament and the transfer to the UN of full authority over strategic waterways have been achieved, our Government might well propose a UN Advisory Commission for the Suez Canal and other vital international waterways. This would in no way impair the military utility of the Panama Canal to the United States.

Although such a UN Commission could not enforce its decisions, it could mobilize the moral force of world public opinion. Thus the present crisis might be reduced, and time gained for giving the UN effective legal power to settle international disputes of this nature.

MICROSCOPING THE WORLD

Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, in a speech at Leyden University: "If it were possible to solve this state of emergency in the near future ... a beginning would have been made with the real world-embracing community - the only way to prevent the threat of world-wide famine surrounded by the flames of human passion.

A Brazilian Parliamentary Group for World Government was organized in May, 1956, with an initial membership of 40 members of Parliament. The organizing meeting was called by Professor Jose de Castro, M.P., Chairman of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Vice-President of Inida, sent the following message to the World Parliamentary Conference for World Government in London, 1956: "I am sure that all efforts should be directed to making the United Nations Organization a world authority with power to back its decisions. It is the only hope for the world."

DISSECTING WASHINGTON

FOREIGN AID: Staffs of experts from university faculties will soon be visiting countries which are recipients of U.S. foreign aid. They are doing so as part of the research program set up by a Senate Committee investigating our foreign aid program.

A massive reappraisal of the program is underway. The Senate Committee is only one of three, the other two investigations being carried on by the House and the Executive.

Benjamin Fairless, former chief of U.S. Steel, has been appointed head of the Citizen's Committee set up by the Executive.

UWF's President, Donald Harrington, recently wrote Fairless as follows: "We should channel most of our foreign aid through the UN and challenge the Russians to do likewise. If they accept the challenge, the day will be hastened when the rising standards of living in underdeveloped countries will lessen their susceptibility to Communist subversion.

"If the Russians refuse the challenge, it will be more clear ... that the real motive behind Russian bilateral aid is economic penetration.

"Channeling through the UN ... would remove the suspicion ... that U. S. motives are either militaristic or economic penetration."

DISARMAMENT: The Senate Sub-Committee on Disarmament hopes to hold several hearings in the field after the election. Letters have been sent to Chicago, Des Moines, San Francisco, Los Angeles, St. Louis and Boulder to determine whether those communities are interested in hearings and whether Senators are available to participate.

Federalists in these cities take note and be ready.

SPOTLIGHTING THE UNITED NATIONS

The largest conference of nations ever convened has been meeting at the UN since September 20th. Eighty-one nations are attending. It is the World Conference to consider the Statute for an International Agency for the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy.

Sovereignty is the big bugaboo at the Conference. And the USSR is invoking it most passionately.

Here is a challenge for the West. On the question of sovereignty, are we on the side of the angels or on the side of the USSR?

Look for the Statute to be adopted by October 26th.

Look for probable ratification by the U.S. Senate.

Chances are the Charter will be amended at the coming General Assembly - - to increase the number of members on the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council, and the number of judges on the World Court.

Watch for a General Assembly fight on the subject of sovereignty over territorial waters.

OCTOBER 21 - 27

UN Week is close upon us. Requests for Federalist action has gone from the National office to UWF Chapters and Branches across the country. We hope Federalists have long since laid their plans to participate in this celebration. Many, we know, have. This is one of the most effective programs in which we can show our support for the UN, and join other organizations in doing so. In past years UWF members and chapters have frequently taken the lead in developing city and state-wide UN Day programs. We are confident that you have done so again.

CHRISTMAS CARDS and CHAPTER FUND-RAISING

Dale Maupin of the West Bergen, New Jersey, Chapter suggests that chapters buy commercial Christmas cards at wholesale prices for resale at a profit. His chapter made $400 last year by asking each member to sell one hundred cards - - just about what everyone buys for their own use. Write Mr. Maupin, 351 Grand Boulevard, Emerson, New Jersey - - he can give you names of the places to purchase the cards, and the details of how his chapter raised its annual quota in just six weeks' easy work.

Tad Bailey of Woodstock, Vermont, has Christmas cards of interest to Federalists. The Woodstock Chapter hopes to meet its budget from the sale of these cards. Write Mr. Bailey for samples and prices.

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THE READERS FORUM

I want to voice my approval of your intent to be controversial - also your stand on Suez ... To sustain interest of members I suggest that the method of the World Politics program be explored; I have been active in its program for seven years and have never lost interest, something I cannot say for my membership in UWF. At least I found your newsletter stimulating, as witness my writing.

Russell Marks, Illinois

In reading the Suez article in the September newsletter, I would disagree with some of it. Fine! At least it sets me thinking and makes me concerned about UWF's policy... I believe that UWF does not belong in a conservative pattern. The fact that we've tried to make our goals palatable to all, and failed, proves that to me. I think it's time UWF realized that we are ahead of public opinion.

Ruth Chalmers, New York

If we cannot point out how federalist proposals would work in connection with current world problems involving possible use of force, our principles are not sound. This has, in my mind, been our greatest mistake.

Margaret H. Rolston, Connecticut

How extraordinarily myopic the United States was in requesting that Russia return the Kuriles Islands to Japan while we were making no move whatever to return Okinawa to the Japanese, though the Japanese are currently suggesting that this be done.

Allan M. Butler, M.D., Massachusetts

Cheers for the newsletter's forthright statement in re the Suez. Now how about Panama and the Dardanelles? ... Go ahead, controverse, we're listening.

Frances Fenner, New York